IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph from page 19, line 24-page 20, line 6 with the following:

Those skilled in the art should readily appreciate that the programs and methods for failover management of manageable entity agents in a storage area network as defined herein are deliverable to a processing device in many forms, including but not limited to a) information permanently stored on non-writeable storage media such as ROM devices, b) information alterably stored on writeable storage media such as floppy disks, magnetic tapes, CDs, RAM devices, and other magnetic and optical media, or c) information conveyed to a computer through communication media, ~~for example using baseband signaling or broadband signaling techniques,~~ as in an electronic network such as the Internet or telephone modem lines. The operations and methods may be implemented in a software executable object or as a set of instructions. Alternatively, the operations and methods disclosed herein may be embodied in whole or in part using hardware components, such as Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs), state machines, controllers or other hardware components or devices, or a combination of hardware, software, and firmware components.